

# American Lobster (*Homarus americanus*)

## Sexual Identification via 1<sup>st</sup> Pair of Swimmerets

Viewed from the underside, the first pair of swimmerets (pleopods) are sexually dimorphic and represent the easiest way to define the sexes. In the male, these swimmerets are larger, bonier, and more tapered than those of the female.

Source: Bruce Estrella, MA Division of Marine Fisheries.

